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Welcome to Word Magic with Ms. McCall!

Today we will be reviewing root words, prefixes and suffixes and how they can change the meaning of a word! So let’s get started…

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First we should review root words. Root words are words that have their own meaning. They can stand alone or with a prefix or suffix.

Can you identify the root word in these examples?   
1. Un-happy….Thats right! Happy is the base word in this example.

Let’s try one more.  
Wonder-ful….You got it! Wonder is the base word in this example.

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Now we will review the meaning of a prefix and how it can be used to change the meaning of a base word.

A prefix is a letter or group of letters placed at the beginning of a base word to change the meaning of the word.   
Prefixes have their own meaning but they need to be paired with a base word.

Here are some examples of prefixes and their meaning  
Re- Spelled R, E. means again  
For example: Restart..*re* is the prefix and *start* is the base word. Re changes the meaning of this word from start to start again.

Need another example?  
How about..  
Dis-Spelled D, I, S. means not, or opposite  
For example: Discomfort..*Dis* is the prefix and *comfort* is the base word. Dis changes the meaning from having comfort to not having comfort.

Some other common prefixes are:  
Anti- meaning against  
Pre- meaning before in time  
Pro- meaning in favor of something  
Under- meaning beneath or below

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Lastly we will review the meaning of a suffix and how it is used to change the meaning of a base word.

A suffix is a letter or group of letters added to the end of a base word. A suffix has its own meaning but needs to be added to the end of a base word.

Here are some examples of suffixes and their meanings:  
Able- spelled A, B, L, E. means able to be  
For example: Groupable..*able* is the suffix and *group* is the base word. Able changes the meaning of group to able to be grouped.

How about one more example!  
Fy- spelled F, Y means make or cause  
For example: Terrify..fy is the suffix and terri (terror) is the base word. Fy changes the meaning of terri (terror) to cause terror or make terror.

Here are some additional examples of suffixes and their meanings.  
ious- meaning having the qualities of   
ness- meaning state of being  
less- meaning without  
and ist- meaning one who

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It is important to understand the meaning of prefixes and suffixes and how they can be used to change the meaning of a word. If you can use prefixes and suffixes correctly, it will broaden your vocabulary and easily figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word.   
  
So, lets try a few more examples!   
Identify the prefix or suffix used in these words.   
1. Careless…that’s right! Less is used as a suffix in this word. Less means without so, careless must mean, without care.

Let’s try another one

2. Underarm..Yes! Under is used as a prefix in this word. Under means beneath or below so underarm is talking about the space under the arm.

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That concludes the podcast lesson for today. Thank you for tuning in and I hope this has helped you better understand the concept of prefixes, suffixes and root words.   
If this is your first time tuning in, please complete the worksheet that is provided and turn it into me when you are finished.

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